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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08/26/2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 2-11, 13, 15, 16, 18 and 19 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1, 14 and 20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 12 and 17 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 October 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 14-20 are newly added.
2. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d). The Submission of Verified English Translation of The Priority Document has been received on March 18, 2009. Therefore Guo et al. reference has been removed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1, 14 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sayers et al. (US 6,539,237 B1).

Regarding claims 1 and 14 Sayers et al. discloses a mobile communication network system that comprises:

a mobile communication network (**communication system of FIG. 1**);
a plurality of external networks (**Private Networks**);
a plurality of mobile terminals (**mobile 4**);

a plurality of gateways for connecting said external networks and said mobile communication network (**Gateway 42 of FIG. 4**); and

a plurality of radio access point for connecting said mobile terminals to said mobile communication network (**BTS of FIG. 1**);

wherein, when packets are transmitted and received between said mobile terminals, the packets are communicated by way of virtual networks that are provided to correspond to each of said external networks on said mobile communication network (**FIG. 1 illustrates when mobile 4 of Public Wireless Network 111 send packets to mobile 4 in private networks, the packets are communicated by way of virtual network 34. In FIG. 15, a P-BTS Virtual Private Network (VPN) 34 formed by the P-BTSs 27-1, 27-2 and 27-3 interconnects to GSM PLMN 26 through hub 23 and router 33 to the Internet 24. col. 24, line 25-35**)

Regarding claim 20, Sayers et al. further teaches wherein packets on core networks or access networks are transferred using multicast ("**Another method uses the multicast options of the Intranet to send the uplink and downlink IP packet to both the old and new P-BTSs**" col. 23, lines 30-35)

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 12 and 17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

6. Claims 2-11, 13, 15-16, 18-19 are allowed over prior art made of record.

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brenda Pham whose telephone number is (571) 272-3135. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ricky Ngo, can be reached on (571) 272-3139.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

December 10, 2009

/Brenda Pham/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2464